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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence has not released spectrum so far for the use by GSM and CDMA operators;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(c) the extent to which mobile service operators have suffered their business due to non-release of spectrum;

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the allocation of spectrum is based on international practice;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (g) Defence has released some spectrum for mobile telecom services and the same has been allocated to the mobile telephony operators in accordance with the relevant provisions of their respective service license agreements and eligibility criteria for additional spectrum as appropriate.